

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claims 2-14 are canceled.

Claim 15 is withdrawn.

New claim 16 is added.

Claim 1 is allowed.

Amendments to the claims

Claim 1 is amended to remove the term "such as" and to insert proper Markush language (page 3 of the amendment).

Claim 1 is also amended to state in the proviso under the definition of Q_3 and Q_4 (page 4 of the amendment) that " Q_3 is not a primary or secondary amine radical" under certain conditions. This term was mistakenly deleted from claim 1 with the Amendment filed March 2, 2001. This term was also mistakenly present in the version of claim 1 of the Amendment filed Sept. 25, 2001 without properly inserting it. The status of claim 1 is now brought back up to date.

Claim 2 is also amended to replace " X_1 " with "X" and " X_2 " with "X".

Original claim 2 states that when n is 1 that X is X_1 as defined in claim 1, and that when n is 2, X is X_2 as defined in claim 1.

The term "such as polycyclic radicals" was deleted from the last line of claim 2 with the amendment filed Jan. 21, 2001. The undersigned Agent notices that this term is present in the version of claim 2 in the Amendment filed Sept. 30, 2002. As it was canceled in a previous amendment, this term is not found in the present up to date version of claim 2.

Claim 15 is amended to make it more clear and to remove a redundant element. "Inks" encompasses "printing inks" as stated on top of page 44 of the specification.

Claim 15 is also amended to depend only on claim 1.

New method claim 16 is added dependent on claim 2 and is otherwise identical to claim 15.

No new matter is added with the present amendments.

Claim Rejections

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

The present amendments regarding the terms "X₁" and "X₂" address and obviate these rejections.

Restriction

Applicants submit that claims 1 and 2 are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawn method of use claim 15 and new claim 16 depend from claims 1 and 2. The Examiner is kindly requested to rejoin claims 15 and 16 with claims 1 and 2. This is consistent with MPEP 821.04. The help of the Examiner in this matter is appreciated.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the claim rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.


The Examiner is further requested to reconsider and to rejoin claims 15 and 16.

Applicants submit that present claims 1 and 2 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 be found allowable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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